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FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 9, 2013 3:00 P.M.

Champ Hall Conference Room

Present: Yanghee Kim (Chair), Dale Barnard, Amy Brown, Richard Clement, Jennifer Duncan, Lyle Holgram, Mike Jenkins (sub), Steven Mansfield, Bob Mueller, Jason Olsen, Terry Peak (sub), Robert Schmidt (excused), Vincent Wickwar, Doug Jackson-Smith (President Elect)(excused), Renee Galliher (Past President), Charles President Stan Albrecht (Ex-Officio), Provost Noelle Cockett (Ex-Officio), Joan Kleinke (Exec. Sec.) (excused), Marilyn Atkinson (Assistant) **Guests:** Francine Johnson, Stephen Bialkowski

Yanghee Kim called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes for November 18, 2013

There were no corrections to the minutes. The minutes were adopted.

University Business - President Albrecht and Provost Cockett.

President Albrecht reviewed the state budget as it affects higher education. The revenue projections for the state indicate that revenues are down from a year ago. The consensus projections for the state budget indicate \$132 million in new one-time funding and \$126 million in new ongoing funds for higher education. There is a recommendation for 1.8% increase in compensation, \$21.5 million in system equity funding, \$2 million for distinctive mission based funding, and the governor recommended funding for only one building which is at Weber State. There is also funding in the budget for a new wing of the Huntsman Cancer Institute at the University of Utah. With such large amounts of the building funds dedicated to these projects, funding for our Regional Campus buildings will be very difficult to obtain. The 2014 Legislative preview shows that there are already nearly 100 bills filed with relevance to higher education. President Albrecht remains hopeful that there will be adjustments made in our favor before the end of the legislative session. He has also spent time talking with our representatives in Washington D.C.

Information Items

Council on Teacher Education Report – Francine Johnson. Francine highlighted items from the report. One new minor/endorsement was approved in literacy teaching, specifically to assist secondary education teachers who have students with low reading ability. Most other changes were made in content or course requirements, in an attempt to help students pass their PRAXIS test which is required for their state licensing. Two psychology teaching majors and a sociology teaching major were discontinued, but a minor in each area was retained. Several graduate programs were also discontinued as a result of the Graduate School Review. Some policy changes included clarifying that student teachers could not be paid during their student teaching experience, and foreign language teaching majors and minors must pass an oral proficiency test. Enrollment is down 3.8%. Reasons for this are partly due to the change in the missionary age, but also a change in the PRAXIS test, especially the Math section, and some of the programs are a cohort program and were not admitting students in the last year. The average ATC score for newly admitted students into the program is 26.77 which is higher than the average incoming freshman. There was a 7.6% increase in the number of graduates recommended for licensing, and they have a placement rate of 89%.

Renee Galliher moved to place the report on the consent agenda, Steve Mansfield seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Word Change in 402.4.3 (second reading) Order of Faculty Business – Stephen Bialkowski.

Renee moved to place this on the agenda as Old Business, Steve Mansfield seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Word Change in 405.6 (second reading) – Stephen Bialkowski.

Steve Mansfield moved to place on the agenda as old business, Renee Galliher seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Word change from ASUSU to USUSA all 400 sections (second reading) – Stephen Bialkowski.

A motion to place on the agenda was made and seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of code revision to 405.12 Post-Tenure Review Process – Renee Galliher.

Dale Barnard presented several opinions from faculty in the College of Agriculture, the majority of which agreed on these points; that review committees not be organized by upper administration and that there is equity in the process across campus. There was some discussion about which Faculty Senate committees the proposal should be sent to for review. Representatives from AFT and BFW indicated they would like to see it again in their committees. More discussion followed with relatively wide support for sending it to AFT and FEC.

Renee Galliher made a motion to send the current proposal to AFT and FEC, Rhonda Callister seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

EPC Items - Larry Smith. The Curriculum Sub-committee approved 7 R401 proposals, one of them was the long form for a Bachelor of Science in Horticulture and will be RCDE specific. Two of the short form requests are from the Caine College of the Arts; one BFA degree in film producing in a cooperative partnership with Salt Lake Community College. The Music Department offers an emphasis in organ performance. Special Education and Rehabilitation offer a specialization in audiology. A short form proposal from the Physics Ph.D. to reduce the required credits from 60 to 42 for students who already have a Master's degree was also approved.

The Academic Standards Subcommittee approved 8 items, most of a general housekeeping nature.

The General Education Subcommittee heard a proposal from Noelle Cockett to eliminate the requirement that undergrads have 2 USU courses in their Breadth studies to graduate. This met with unanimous support among the General Education Committee. Bob Miller questioned if this move means that the USU courses will be phased out and Larry assured him that was never part of the discussion. The USU courses were originally conceived as being small courses with many sections, but in reality what has happened is many of them have very few sections with very large enrollments and this can create issues for students approaching graduation if they cannot get into a section when they register. Often times they are being granted waivers, and because it happens with such frequency (up to 1/3 of the seniors), it has prompted the Provost to recommend that the requirement be dropped.

A motion to place the EPC monthly report on the consent agenda was made by Rhonda Callister and seconded by Steve Mansfield. The motion passed unanimously.

Code Revision Process, Policy Manual 202 – Yanghee Kim. The PRPC chair, Stephen Bialkowski questioned the code revision process at the last Faculty Senate Meeting. Yanghee would like to spend time reviewing the policy 202 to build understanding of the process to eliminate questions and confusion on code change process in the future. Section 202 defines procedures for amending section 400 of the code. Section 202.1 outlines the proposal process and how a proposal is forwarded to PRPC. Section 202.2 defines PRPCs possible actions on proposals. Section 202.4 covers the ratification of proposed amendments. See attachments for the specific language of the policy.

A discussion about current past procedures and code changes ensued and whether or not ad-hoc task-force committees were in line with code procedures, when the full senate should vote on proposals, and when proposals should be sent to PRPC. Yanghee commented that the code is our guideline, but if there is a better option in certain circumstances it should be flexible enough to allow changes, like forming a task force or sending issues to appropriate senate subcommittees. The senate voted to create them when they were formed. Noelle reminded the committee that section 202 could be changed by the senate if clarification was necessary. No vote or formal action was taken on this issue.

Code change to 402.12.5 (1) First Reading – Stephen Bialkowski.

A motion was made by Terry Peak and seconded by Dale Barnard. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Yanghee Kim asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.